

Using the notations of  $\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} \vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} \text{ and} \\ \operatorname{curl} \vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}, \end{cases}$

the Green's Theorem can be written as

### Vector forms of Green's Theorem

normal form

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} ds = \iint_D \operatorname{div} \vec{F} dA$$

$\approx$

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} ds = \iint_D \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} dA$$

tangential form

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = \iint_D \operatorname{curl} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{k} dA$$

$\approx$

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_D ((\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) \cdot \hat{k}) dA$$

And Theorem 10 can be written as :

Thm 10'  $\Omega = \text{simply-connected}$ ,  $\vec{F} \in C^1$ . Then

$$\vec{F} \text{ conservative} \iff \operatorname{curl} \vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = 0$$

(check!)

Note that  $\operatorname{div} \vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}$  can be defined on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , for any  $n$ .

In particular

Def 12' The divergence of  $\vec{F} = M\hat{i} + N\hat{j} + L\hat{k}$  is defined to be

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial z}$$

Then one can easily check the following facts: (EX!)

For  $C^2$  function  $f$  and  $C^2$  vector field  $\vec{F}$ :

(i)  $\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} f) = 0$  (i.e.  $\operatorname{curl} \vec{\nabla} f = 0$ )

(ii)  $\vec{F}$  conservative  $\Rightarrow \operatorname{curl} \vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = 0$

(iii)  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) = 0$  (i.e.  $\operatorname{div}(\operatorname{curl} \vec{F}) = 0$ )

Remark:  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} f) \neq 0$  in general, and it is called the Laplacian of  $f$ , and is denoted by

$$\vec{\nabla}^2 f = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} f) = \operatorname{div}(\vec{\nabla} f) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}.$$

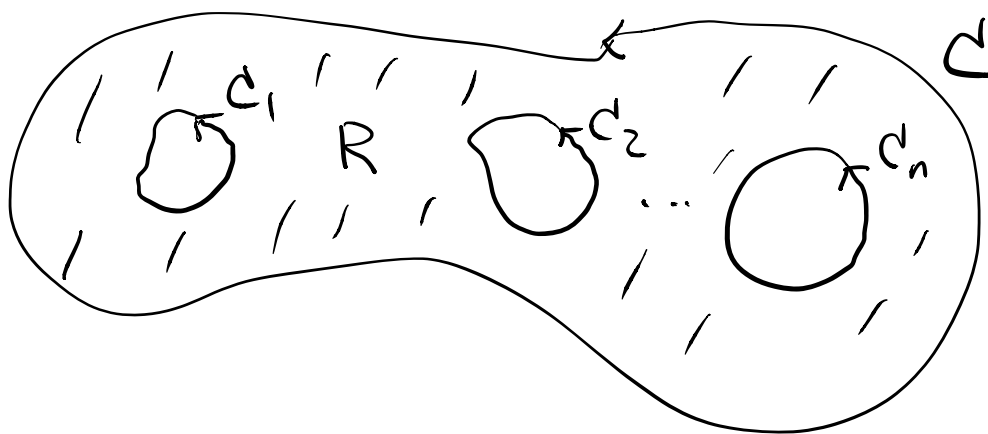
[In graduate level, it will be denoted by  $\Delta = \vec{\nabla}^2$  ( $n \Delta = -\vec{\nabla}^2$ )]

The "operator"  $\vec{\nabla}^2$  is called the Laplace operator, and the equation  $\vec{\nabla}^2 f = 0$  is called the Laplace equation. Solutions to Laplace equation are called harmonic functions.

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In order to apply Green's Theorem to more situations, we need a more general form of Green's Thm:

Suppose we have a simple closed curve  $C$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$



Suppose  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n$  be pairwise disjoint, piecewise smooth, simple closed curves, such that  $C_1, \dots, C_n$  are enclosed by  $C$ .

(All  $C, C_1, \dots, C_n$  are anti-clockwise oriented)

Let  $R$  be the region between  $C$  and  $C_1, \dots, C_n$ .

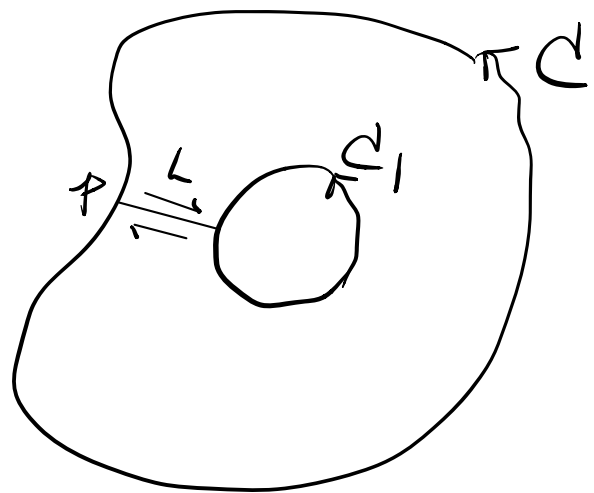
Suppose  $\vec{F} = M\hat{i} + N\hat{j}$  is defined on some open set containing  $R$  and is  $C^1$ . Then, we have

$$\iint_R \left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA = \oint_C Mdx + Ndy - \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{C_i} Mdx + Ndy$$

(This is the tangential form. The normal form is similar.)

Sketch of Proof:

For simplicity, only one  $C_1$  inside  $C$ .



We connect  $C$  &  $C_1$

by an "arc"  $L$  and consider the

"simple" closed curve (starting from  $p$ ):

$$C^* = C + L - C_1 - L$$

Then the region  $R$  enclosed between  $C$  &  $C_1$

is the region enclosed by  $C^*$  except the arc  $L$ .

$$\text{Hence } \iint_R \left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA = \iint_{R \setminus L} \left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Green's}}{=} \oint_{C^*} (M dx + N dy)$$

$$= \left( \oint_C + \oint_L - \oint_{C_1} - \oint_L \right) (M dx + N dy)$$

$$= \oint_C (M dx + N dy) - \oint_{C_1} (M dx + N dy)$$

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Pf of Thm 10 ( $n=2$ )

We only need to show  $\Omega$  simply-connected,  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = 0$   
 $\left( \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right)$ ,  
 then  $\vec{F}$  is conservative.

Suppose  $C_1, C_2 \subseteq \Omega$  have the same starting point and end point.

Case 1:  $C_1, C_2$  have no intersection



Then " $\Omega$  is simply-connected"

implies the region  $R$  enclosed by  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  lies completely in  $\Omega$ . Then by Green's Thm,

$$\iint_R \left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA = \pm \left( \int_{C_1} - \int_{C_2} \right) (Mdx + Ndy)$$

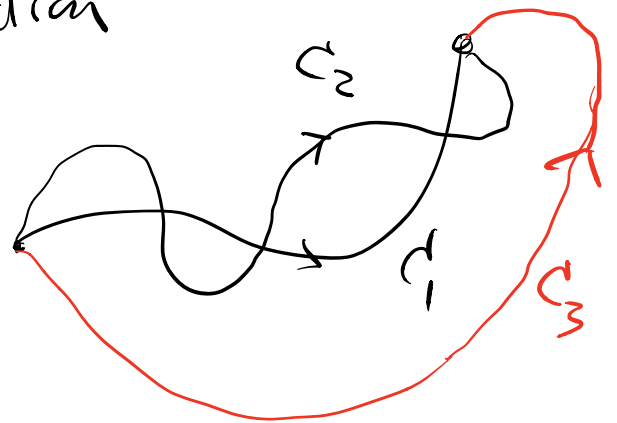
0 by assumption

$$\Rightarrow \int_{C_1} Mdx + Ndy = \int_{C_2} Mdx + Ndy.$$

Case 2  $C_1, C_2$  have intersection

Pick another curve  $C_3$  with the same starting point and end point

and do not intersect  $C_1$  or  $C_2$ .



Then by case 1,  $\int_{C_1} Mdx + Ndy = \int_{C_3} Mdx + Ndy$

$$= \int_{C_2} Mdx + Ndy$$

$\therefore \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  is independent of path,

$\therefore \vec{F}$  is conservative.

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eg 49  $\vec{F} = \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} \hat{i} + \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \hat{j}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\} = \Omega$ .

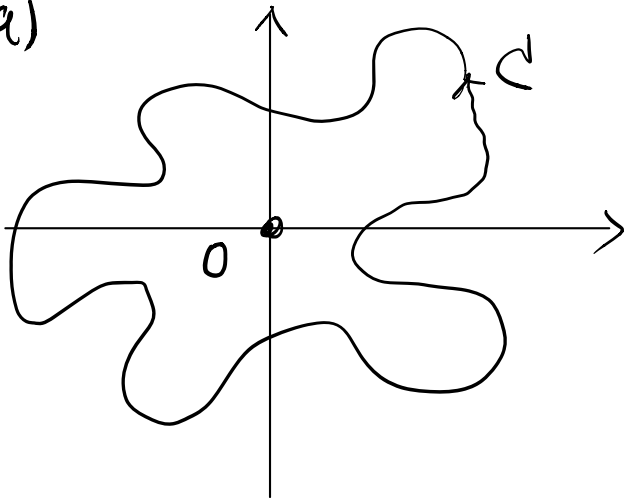
$\parallel$   $\parallel$   
 $M$   $N$

We've calculated  $\oint_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 2\pi$  for

$$C_1 = x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

How about

(a)



(b)

